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more comfortable in Senator Moore when we guaranteed prenatal care.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Just very briefly, I think that we need to, in making our decision on this amendment, take this into some...with some perspective. Last year about...well even earlier this year, there was a bill introduced by Senator Moore and myself to get to this exact point. And that bill did not get out of committee. Senator Lindsay and the Governor, Senator Wesely, should be commended for bringing this issue to us, because it is an important issue. And Senator Rasmussen's points are very well taken, that I think she is probably joined with lots of others in this body that are not going to vote to continue the nine month benefit, 1985, unless we can get our arms around this program. So let's take this thing...let's take this thing in perspective. It's easy to say we've been bludgeoned by Senator Chambers into this, but I think that's somewhat of a cop out, because...or a red herring, because this is a special session. This is a major change in a program. We have come, from the beginning of this year, to now changing significantly a program, bringing Nebraska in line with other states. That's a significant step forward that the Governor has brought us. We have not been bludgeoned into accepting anything by anybody. We've taken a very significant program that never got out of committee just a few months ago, brought it to the floor of the Legislature within a couple of days, had a hearing within a couple of hours, brought it to the floor of the Legislature and made a significant change in a program. I just...sometimes I think we get out...get things out of context and out of perspective. And so it's sometimes, for me at least, important to look back, historically, at what has happened here. So those of us who want to look hard at this particular budget and the ADC budget, I think can, rather than look negatively upon this as if...which I think is again a red herring, we need to look positively at what has been done and what has been brought to us by the Governor, Senator Lindsay and Senator Wesely, and then, as Senator Rasmussen so rightly suggests, that we take a very hard look at this program starting in January, and then if need be make whatever significant...whatever changes are necessary to make it work more efficiently. Thank you.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Robinson.